

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph that begins at page 1, line 1 as follows:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Patent Application No. 103 31 727.9, filed on July 11, 2003, which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. In addition, this application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/680,460, which was filed on October 6, 2003, which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.